



Reminder

Immunization Requirements For All Children Entering 7th Grade

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), all children entering the 7th grade are required to have the following immunizations:

- Booster dose of Td/Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine, only if it has been 5 years or more since the last dose of diphtheria-tetanus containing vaccine
- Four doses of Polio vaccine
- Two doses of MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- One dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine (2 doses if child received after 13 years of age) or a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease. As of June 2006, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend a booster dose of varicella vaccine.

All children entering 7th grade are required to be up-to-date on their childhood immunizations as well as have a physical exam. This is the perfect opportunity to review your child's immunizations with his or her doctor to ensure your child is protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases.

For more information, call the Family Health Information Line at 1-800-942-7434.